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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

INTRODUCTION

The Word of God today presents us with the opportunity to see marriage, as an institution created by God. It also highlights the importance of indissolubility of the marriage covenant, showing us that there is no place for divorce and adultery. Jesus' love for children further urges us, to reach out with love and respect for every child who needs to grow up freely, as a human person. We join the Archdiocese in celebrating a DAY OF THANKSGIVING to our good Almighty God.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Heavenly father when you created man and woman, you brought them together, so that marriage may be recognized today as your indispensable gift to the human race. Listen to our prayers, for the grace to always live faithful to your divine plan. And so we pray:

RESPONSE: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

1. For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, Bishops, priests, religious, and lay faithful: that they may never tire of upholding the principles that govern Christian marriage, especially during this "*Amoris Laetitia*" Year of the Family, we pray to the Lord...
2. For all married couples: that they may experience the joys of love and unity, which lead them to respect each other; and that they may have the courage to weed out whatever disturbs a healthy relationship, we pray to the Lord...
3. For all children: that they may be seen as precious gifts that come from the hand of God, thus enabling them to grow up in family and society, experiencing the freedom and respect they need, we pray to the Lord...
4. For all of us here present: that the Eucharist we celebrate, may strengthen us to build holy Catholic families, where there is love and understanding in our homes, thus making us true witnesses in a world that often fails to uphold these values, we pray to the Lord....

5. For the many blessings and gifts received from the Lord: the plentiful rain, the good harvests, the generous assistance of so many during the Covid-19 pandemic, and other innumerable personal favours; we raise a prayer of thanksgiving as we pray to the Lord...
6. For our personal needs and intentions [pause] we pray to the Lord...

CELEBRANT: God, the creator of the human race, and giver of all good gifts, who willed that man and woman live in happiness and unity, listen to the prayers of thanksgiving we bring to you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF FROM THE CORONA VIRUS:

Almighty and merciful God, who show Your love to all creation everywhere, hear graciously the prayers we make for all those affected by the Corona Virus in various parts of the world.

We come before You asking for an efficacious control of the outbreak, for a healing of those affected, for the victims and their families.

We thank You for blessing the efforts of our research scientists working on the development of a vaccine. We pray that these vaccines will be effective in combating the virus and its mutants, and in controlling the spread of the pandemic. We pray that the vaccine be available for all our people even the poor and those in rural areas.

We pray for doctors, nurses and health workers who are in the frontline of this battle, that they be kept safe and have the strength and courage to continue their heroic efforts.

We pray for the Government and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.